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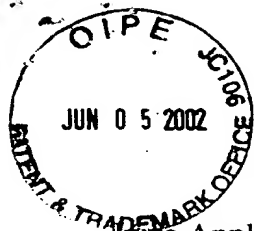
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The Office Action dated February 28, 2002 has been reviewed carefully. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested based on the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Invention:

This invention relates to a cap, generally known as "crown cork" or a "crown closure," used for sealing mainly glass bottles with carbonated (beer, soft drinks, etc) and non-carbonated beverages (juices, sauces, etc). Prior art crown closures have a shell with a generally flat disk, a curved portion, and a depending skirt. When attached to a bottle, the skirt and the curved portion were crimped to conform to the contour of a bottle mouth. The disadvantage of the prior art crown closures was that the curved portion did not conform to the shape of the bottle prior to crimping. Because of this, prior art crown closures tended to slip during the crimping procedure.

This invention overcomes the disadvantage of the prior art by providing a crown closure wherein the curved portion is adapted to be the same shape as the mouth contour of a bottle. Thus, during the crimping procedure, the crown closure is less likely to slip.